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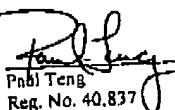
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) issued March 6, 2006 by the Patent Office in connection with the above-identified application.

The Amendments to the claims section of Applicants' November 22, 2005 Amendment, with correction of the status identifier for claim 31, is resubmitted herewith starting on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.